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1. A Communist Party school training political officers for the Czech armed forces is located near Velvety (N 51/F 34).
2. Students for the school are selected from among Party activists and are mostly youths who have done well at the military-political school at Sembak,<sup>1</sup> northwest of Most. The Sembak school is for youths between the ages of 15 and 20 and gives political, military and technical training prior to actual military service. About 1,000 students attend the Sembak school. Courses last from six months to two years. The Sembak school is to consist of 12 buildings of four stories each. It is now under construction.
3. Students at the Velvety school take a course lasting three months and then are assigned to duty as political officers with the armed forces, with the rank of sub-lieutenants.
4. About 600 students attend the Velvety school. It is commanded by a major (nu).

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1. Comment. Possibly Schoenbach (N 51/F 14), north of Most, is meant.

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